GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-RUSSIA TRADE TIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have signed a protocol to step up trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) The Eighth Session of the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC) was held in India on 7 February, 2002. This was co-Chaired by Finance Minister Mr. Yashwant Sinha and Mr. Ilya Klebanov, then Deputy Chairman (Deputy Prime Minister) of the Government of the Russian Federation. A Protocol of the 8th Session of the IRIGC was signed at the end this meeting.

The 8th Session of the IRIGC undertook a comprehensive review of bilateral cooperation between India and the Russian Federation in trade, economic, scientific, technological and cultural sectors. Both sides expressed their satisfaction over the positive developments in the cooperation between the two countries in all these areas to mutual benefit.